Expansion of Immunisation Programme

1749. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of programme for immunisation of children and women in the country; and

(b) the measures to expand the programme to include Hepatitis 'B', tetanus, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) Under the Universal Immunization Programme launched in the country 1985-86, children are vaccinated for six vaccine preventable diseases i.e. childhood tuberculosis, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio and measles. Tetanus immunization is also given to women during pregnancy.

India is committed to achieving zero Polio incidence by end of the year 2000. For this, the Pulse Polio Immunization campaign was launched in 1995-96. In this campaign all children upto the age of 5 years are given polio drops on a single day. Upto 1998-99, two rounds of Pulse Polio campaign were conducted every year during December and January. The efforts have now been intensified and during 1999-2000, four rounds of PPI are to be held throughout the country followed by two additional rounds in eight high risk States of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. Two more of the four nation-wide rounds have been completed on 24.10.99 and 21.11.99.

(b) It has not been possible to include Hepatitis B in the programme at present due to constraints of resources. Immunization against Tetanus is part of Universal Immunization Programme.

CGHS Dispensary in Kalkaji, New Delhi

1750. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS dispensary, Kalkaji (No. 75) is operating in three J.J. Colony quarters for past more than two decades;

(b) whether because of location, a lot of inconvenience is caused to retired, aged, senior Government officials who are beneficiaries at the dispensary; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government and by when it would be accommodated in a separate building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) No, Sir. The CGHS dispensary No. 75 at Kalkaji is functioning in 5 LIG DDA flats, Kalkaji;

(b) No such complaint has been received by the Government;.

(c) DDA has allotted a plot of land at Alakananda Kalkaji for which payment has already been made to them. DDA has not given the possession of the said plot of the land to CGHS so far. Hence, it is not possible to indicate any time limit in this regard.

Malnutrition in India

1751. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has sounded a warming about malnutrition in India, as reported in the Observer of Business and Politics on November 22, 1999;

(b) whether it is a fact that it would cost Rs. 1,000 crore annually in terms of loss of productivity, illness and death and set back efforts to reduce child mortality rate;

(c) if so, what are the State-wise details regarding malnutrition, with special reference to Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps Government are contemplating to stave of the National disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) As per the news item appearing on 22nd November 1999 in Observer of Business and Politics, World Bank has indicated in its report that malnutrition would cost the country at least US$ 10 billion (Rs. 1000 crores) in terms of lost